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It will soon be too late to do your  
Christmas shopping early.Why not a boulevard to the Mus-  
tang Island beach via Corpus pass?An exchange expresses the hope  
McNamara won't blow up San  
Antonio.China is going to have a congres-  
sional start into politics, and probably  
roll a lot of good washes men.It will be even more difficult to  
decide who are the twenty greatest  
women. The sage of Skibo hasn't  
the temerity to attempt to make out  
such a list.The Pilot Boy has gone into winter  
quarters. She (or it) ought  
to have a pension. The traffic she  
has carried has been a great deep  
water argument for us.When enough rain falls to suffice  
the crops, it doesn't take the Corpus  
Christi tourist climate but a minute  
to break through the clouds and flood  
the land with sunshine.The Chinese rebel leaders in con-  
ference at Wu Chang decided to ac-  
cept a constitutional monarchy, with  
a Chinese at the head. The Manchu  
dynasty will be compelled to go head-  
less.Senator Wetmore of Rhode Island,  
and Senator Guggenheim of Colorado,  
have announced their intentions to  
retire at the end of their present  
terms. That will greatly subtract  
from the personal wealth of the Sen-  
ate, but make no noticeable dent in  
the brain capacity of that body.There are people who imagine ev-  
ery time a cold spell comes along that  
the climate is changing. We don't  
think it gets any colder now than it  
used to get. We remember when we  
were a boy seeing the older men giv-  
ing about in old army overcoats and  
rubbing their hands to keep them  
warm. It must have been as cold  
then as it is now.More than twenty persons wrote  
the governor of Virginia confessing  
they had committed the murder for  
which young Seattle was convicted,  
and asked that he be pardoned. Con-  
fessions are not always to be believed.  
There is on record a case in the  
Texas courts where a defendant plead-  
ed guilty to murder and the jury ac-  
quitted him. They probably consid-  
ered the defendant too much of a  
scoundrel to be believed.The Democrats of Congress do not  
take kindly to the President's recom-  
mendation for the creation of a fed-  
eral corporation commission which  
might supply the constructive legisla-  
tion for control of combinations and  
to aid the courts in dissolving and  
restraining trusts. Congress, the only  
legislative authority, will be slow to  
delegate to irresponsible outsiders  
powers which would be almost cer-  
tain to infringe upon or conflict with  
the rights and prerogatives of the law  
making body.The Massachusetts Socialists just  
succeeded in getting at the November  
electing the three per cent that  
entitle them to be called a party and  
to have a place on the official ballot.  
If all the socialists in the two older  
parties would vote the straight-out  
Socialist ticket, their showing of  
strength would be a surprise all  
around. No alarming has been the  
growth of Socialism to its oppo-  
site that they have recently formed  
a national organization to fight it.  
The new organization is called the  
National League of Liberty and  
Equality.**PULSE OF THE DEMOCRACY.**

With the National conventions but  
little more than six months off and  
the Presidential candidates in both  
parties as busy as bees, the New York  
World has just completed an interest-  
ing symposium of interviews with  
Democratic leaders over the country.  
The questions submitted by the World  
were:

What are the prospects of the suc-  
cess of your party candidate for the  
Presidency if existing conditions con-  
tinues as at present?

Who in your estimation should be  
the candidate of the National convention  
of your party in order to enlist  
the support of the majority of voters  
in your State?

What in your judgment should be  
the issues upon which your party  
should make its appeal to the voters  
of your State for their support?

Do you believe that a "Conservative"  
or a "Progressive" policy should  
best contribute to the success of your  
party?

The answers show that Democrats  
everywhere are eager for the cam-  
paign, sure of their issues, and whole-  
souly confident of success.

Tariff reform, said everyone, is  
the paramount issue.

Progressive, rather than a conserva-  
tive policy, was in the platform of  
the majority.

Where a choice of candidates was  
given it is singular to note that Gov.  
Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and  
Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio ran  
even, with Champ Clark a good sec-  
ond; Representative Oscar W. Un-  
derwood and Gov. Thomas R. Mar-  
shall of Indiana next, and scattering  
mention made of Senator John W.  
Kern, Gov. Joseph W. Folk of Mis-  
souri, Gov. John Burke of North Da-  
kota, Gov. Eugene N. Foss of Mass-  
achusetts.

"Any good progressive Democrat,"  
was the answer of a surprisingly large  
number.

In the line-up the extreme progres-  
sives are generally for Gov. Wilson.  
The moderate and conservative ele-  
ments are generally for Harmon.

Of the Texans who expressed their  
preliminary preferences, Congressman  
Rufus Hardy and W. R. Smith  
declared for Wilson. Congressman  
Burges and State Chairman Shet  
Williams prefer Harmon.

Chairman Williams said: "Any  
man, on any kind of platform, whether  
conservative, progressive, or revo-  
lutionary," named by a National  
Democratic convention, will carry  
Texas, as he will every Southern State  
proper. With the vote assured it is  
possible, in my judgment, for the  
Democracy to elect but one man. Pres-  
ident of the United States, Judson  
Harmon of Ohio."

Congressman Slayden said that  
tariff, trusts anti-imperialism and  
economy should be the issues.

Congressman Garner said: "Tariff,  
economy, a definite policy with refer-  
ence to the trust question. Around  
these issues all others should revolve."  
I believe in a progressive policy, but  
am opposed to radical and extreme  
measures."

From a page of such expression the  
world concludes that "so far as issues  
are concerned the Democratic party  
is united as it has not been united  
since 1892. It is for tariff reform  
and progressive government."

"So far as candidates are concerned,  
the sentiment of the party is di-  
vided only on the question of avail-  
ability, with Woodrow Wilson and  
Judson Harmon decidedly in the lead.  
The blunder of 1904 is not to be re-  
peated, when Wall street Democrats  
were allowed to go to the front long  
enough to discredit the ticket, al-  
though Wall street itself was secretly  
financing the Roosevelt campaign."

"Whether the majority sentiment  
wings toward Wilson or Harmon or  
Underwood is a minor question at  
this time. The important fact is that  
the country again has a united, pro-  
gressive, militant Democratic party  
capable of restoring the balance of  
government."

But the World's symposium did  
not include an expression from a cer-  
tain distinguished Democrat of Lin-  
coln, Neb. His influence must be ta-  
ken into consideration, both in the  
convention and afterwards, in figur-  
ing on results.

**DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.**

The special board appointed by  
President Taft to investigate the  
wreck of the Maine to determine what  
caused the wreck returned to Wash-  
ington lately. Rear Admiral Vre-  
land, chairman of the board, made  
his report to the President and Sec-  
retary of the Navy, proving an es-  
tate explosion.

In answer to the main question—  
the question in which the public is  
interested—Was the explosion which  
destroyed the Maine from the out-  
side? the report of this second in-  
vestigating board agrees with the re-  
port of the first or Sampson board  
of 1908. Both declared it was an ex-  
terior explosion.

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do not feel it incumbent on Uncle Sam  
to apologize for shooting up Spain.  
However, we would be willing to give  
the Philippines back.

**WITH EXCHANGES**

Including the Members Themselves.

Houston Post:

The Corpus Christi Caller says  
Governor Colquitt is probably pleased  
that the Texas legislature doesn't  
have to meet oftener than once in  
two years. No doubt of it, but just  
think of the jubilant of the 4,000  
Texans.

Want More Snow Diggers.

San Benito Light:

Representative Burleson of Texas  
on Monday urged upon President  
Taft the necessity of sending more  
troops to patrol the border. We don't  
want the troops, Mr. President, but  
we want snowdiggers—and the snow-  
diggers' money. Send them along to  
help us revolutionize the agricultural  
paradise along the lower Rio  
Grande. They'll be glad they came.

Great Underground River.

El Paso Times:

Geologists are claiming that the  
greatest underground river in the  
world flows from the Rocky Mountains  
underneath New Mexico and Texas,  
emptying itself in the Gulf of Mexico.  
The river is thought to be  
in places several miles wide, and it  
is believed that it feeds the rivers  
that flow upon the surface. The artesian  
well belt of Texas is pointed to as  
the splitting of the water from this river, often from eight hundred  
feet below.

Old Age Pensions.

Denison Herald:

Massachusetts is preparing to put  
into force a law which will compete  
the retirement of state employees on  
age limit, but with a pension. Inasmuch  
as part of the pension fund is  
to be obtained from enforced contribu-  
tions from these employes, based  
on certain percentages of their sal-  
aries, there cannot be so much ob-  
jection to the plan as there might  
otherwise be.

Never Fruitious.

League City News:

The pursuit of the ideal if faithfully  
followed is never fruitless. To be  
sure the ideal may not be reached,  
but if it be of lofty character he  
who tries to reach it can not fail to  
be a better man by reason of that  
ideal and of the honest attempt that  
is made to gain it.

Truck in Dry Weather.

Topeka Times:

We often hear people saying that  
on account of dry weather truck can  
not be raised here at all times of the  
year, but here is what one farmer  
has done, and he lives where it is dry  
farming or none. He has raised fruit  
of all kinds, corn, cotton, Irish pota-  
toes, okra, beans, pepper and tomatoes.  
But he kept stirring the ground  
all the time and while his neighbors'  
crops were all burned up, he was  
reaping the harvest from his labors.

There is no reason why the farmers  
here cannot have fresh vegetables  
when they want them if they will fol-  
low the rules for dry farming. Some  
of our best farmers here have al-  
ready followed these plans, and have  
plowed their gardens and gotten it in  
readiness for the planting and now  
have green stuff growing nicely, and  
everything bids fair to them to have  
all the fresh vegetables, potatoes, etc.,  
that they want for Thanksgiving dinner.

Divine Call Just the Same.

Topeka Gazette:

In whatever capacity may be our  
field of labor, the Divine call is just  
the same, just as strong as in that of  
the minister. Not alone upon the  
minister's shoulders is the burden of  
that call placed, but for every man  
in every walk of life there is a mis-  
sion for him, his duty to his neighbor,  
his town and his nation, for the  
performance of which his several  
talents were given him.

POTATO-HILL PHILOSOPHY.

(From E. R. Howe's Monthly.)

How people like to read and roast  
newspapers!

A man is never as crazy for a  
good figure as a woman is.

A woman is enthusiastic over being  
married; not over the man she is going  
to marry.

More women are looking for an op-  
portunity to slope from men than to  
elope with them.

No man is really big-feeling unless  
he thinks he is as good as George  
Washington.

When I meet a girl with a very  
odd and romantic name, I always wonder  
what her name was before she  
began fooling with it.

Nothing hurts a boy's feelings  
worse than to act smart in presence  
of a girl who is staying all night with  
his sister and then get whipped for it  
in her presence.

A woman with six children was a  
passenger on a train. The oldest and  
worst one was about nine, and all were  
crying. The woman was plainly  
losing her temper and had slapped  
several of them. The train-boy ap-  
proached her with an armful of books.  
"Madam," he said, "wouldn't you  
like a good novel with which to pass  
away your idle time?" The woman  
looked at him indignantly and said:  
"If you don't go away from here I'll  
slap you."

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**WOULD AID VETERANS****OF SOUTHERN STATES**Senator Works favors Pension for  
Confederates.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Investigation of charges of oppression,  
negligence and indifference to the welfare and comfort of inmates  
of the National Soldiers' home in Los Angeles county, California, was urged  
and millionaires who made benefactions conditioned on the heralding of  
their names were arraigned in the Senate today in a speech by Mr. Works  
of California.

Mr. Works in dwelling on the debt  
owed to the veterans of the war be-  
tween the states said he favored extend-  
ing to the remnant of "the gallant  
Confederate army" the same care and  
protection accorded to Union soldiers.  
He commented upon the treatment  
of war veterans when they became old, friendless and diseased by  
comparison with prevailing "garish  
and often vulgar display of wealth  
and wild and unreasoning extravagance."

It is almost always heralded as a  
public benefaction, but it is used as a  
means of personal aggrandizement in almost every instance, he said of  
frequent donors and gifts.

The liberty built with this surplus  
of wealth or the institution founded  
with the money that is worse than  
useless to the donor must bear his  
name and be heard to the world this  
seeming act of beneficence. There  
are conspicuous and honorable exceptions  
to this rule, however."

Mr. Works then deplored conditions  
in the soldiers' homes of the country, as  
he said he had them pictured to him in published articles. He said  
the matter should be vigorously  
looked into. If he had his way, he  
declared, the federal government  
would not only maintain Union veterans  
in peace and comfort, but also  
the old and helpless Confederates, as  
well.

**NOTES FROM THE LABOR WORLD.**

Street car conductors in Sequi, Ja-  
pan, make 35 cents a day.

The Chicago Electrical Workers  
Union has a building fund of \$25,000.

Sixty per cent of the laborers in  
Kansas mines are Europeans.

Forty-two states have set maximum  
hours for a working week for  
children.

A branch of the National Consumers'  
League has been formed in Wash-  
ington, D. C.

The Chinese cooks in New York  
City threatened to strike if better wages  
and shorter hours are not granted.

Railway systems, with mileage ag-  
gregating 47,500, have increased the  
wages of employees during the last  
year 4.87 per cent over 1910.

The present mortality of the brass  
foundrymen is two and a half times  
that of the farmers. Respiratory dis-  
eases, particularly consumption, ac-  
count for the difference.

Records of the Wisconsin State In-  
dustrial Commission show that 220  
claims for accident or death benefits  
have been filed since the workers'  
compensation act went into effect on  
Sept. 1.

Almost a quarter of the member-  
ship of labor unions in New York  
were idle during the first six months  
of the present year, according to the  
last quarterly bulletin of the State  
Department of Labor.

The new scale of the San Francisco  
Bricklayers' Union, which is to re-  
main in force until August 1, 1915,  
fixes the pay at \$7.12 cents an hour  
and eight hours a day for five days,  
with four hours on Saturdays.

The average number of wage earn-  
ers employed in the boot and shoe in-  
dustry during the year was 188,257  
in 1909 and 166,294 in 19